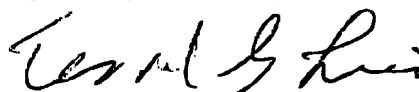


II. REMARKS

Claims 1-29 have been canceled, and new claims 30-123 are pending. The title of the specification has been changed so that it better relates to what applicant is now claiming by virtue of this response. The cross-reference to related applications paragraph has also been updated. Finally, the Abstract has been amended so that that summary better relates to what applicant is now claiming by virtue of this amendment. These amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter, i.e., matter which is not already present in Applicant's specification as filed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent attorney at 713-787-1499 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this submission.

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